



## AMY RAO MOHAN

Member

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Amy Rao Mohan founded and heads our crisis management/media relations practice group, which helps both businesses and individuals in connection with civil and criminal matters or outside of a litigation context. Ms. Mohan's practice areas also include general and commercial litigation, including hospital and physician litigation, landlord-tenant disputes, media law, and state and federal appellate litigation.

Ms. Mohan graduated from Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism and earned her J.D. from the University of Tennessee College of Law, where she was a member of the *Order of the Coif*. In law school, Ms. Mohan served on the National Moot Court Team, which placed second in the nation in 2010, chaired the Moot Court Board, and served as a staff editor for the Tennessee Journal of Law and Policy. Ms. Mohan received a certificate of academic excellence in several subjects including, Pretrial Litigation, Evidence, Trial Practice, and Federal Courts.

Prior to joining Sherrard Roe Voigt & Harbison, Ms. Mohan served as a law clerk to the Honorable Gilbert S. Merritt, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. During law school, she also interned at the Tennessee Supreme Court.

Before starting law school, Ms. Mohan worked as a television reporter and anchor for nearly 8 years, most recently at WTVF, Newschannel 5 in Nashville. During that time, she received two Emmy awards for her coverage of the 2004 Asian tsunami. Ms. Mohan hosted "Ask the Attorney", a live monthly call-in show on Newschannel 5/Cable Channel 50, for several years after she began practicing law.

### Education

- University of Tennessee College of Law, J.D., *magna cum laude*, 2012, (Concentration in Advocacy and Dispute Resolution)
- Northwestern University, B.S.J., 2002

### Bar Admissions

- Tennessee
- U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit
- Middle District of Tennessee
- Western District of Tennessee

### Practice Areas

- Appellate Practice
- Business & Commercial Litigation
- Crisis Management & Media Relations
- Data Security & Privacy
- Healthcare Litigation
- High Profile Civil Rights Cases
- Leasing/Landlord and Tenant Issues
- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Trust & Estate Litigation

### Honors

- Woodward/White: *The Best Lawyers In America* "One to Watch" 2021 (Appellate Practice; Civil Rights Law; Commercial Litigation; Litigation-Trusts and Estates)
- Attorney for Justice Tennessee Supreme Court Pro Bono Service Award 2020
- Nashville Business Journal 40 Under 40 class of 2019
- Selected for inclusion in the Nashville Bar Foundation's 2018-19 Leadership Forum program
- Associate member of Harry Phillips American Inn of Court, 2017-2019
- Selected for inclusion in Super Lawyers 2015-2020 (Business Litigation) ("Mid-South Rising Star")
- *Order of the Coif*
- *Order of the Barristers*
- James L. Powers III Excellence in Criminal Advocacy Award
- Robert E. Pryor Award of Excellence in Advocacy
- 2011 National Moot Court Competition, Second Best Oralist
- Susan B. Devitt Award for Excellence in Oral and Written Advocacy

## CLE Presentations and Speaking Engagements

- Managing Media Madness: Crisis Communications for All Lawyers 3-19-2015 (CLE Speaker along with Dewey Branstetter)
- Casting a Wide Net: How to Ethically Use Social Media to Advertise 2-6-2015 (CLE Speaker along with Ryan Holt)
- A Lawyer's Role in Crisis Communications: What Every Lawyer Needs to Know 12-16-2014 (CLE Speaker)

## Civic Activities

- Board Member, Tennesseans for Alternatives Against the Death Penalty
- Executive Committee, Tennessee Bar Association's Communications Law Section
- Advisory Council Member, The Tennessee Innocence Project
- Nashville Bar Association Representative, Davidson County Board of Ethical Conduct
- Board of Directors, FiftyForward 2015-2018; Chair of FiftyForward Communications Committee 2016-2019